

Maine Revised Statutes
Title 19-A: DOMESTIC RELATIONS
Chapter 23: MARRIAGE

§652. ISSUANCE OF MARRIAGE LICENSE

1. Marriage license issued. After the filing of notice of intentions of marriage, except as otherwise provided, the clerk shall deliver to the parties a marriage license specifying the time when the intentions were recorded.

[2001, c. 574, §3 (AMD) .]

2. Marriage license to nonresidents.

[2001, c. 574, §4 (RP) .]

3. Void after 90 days. The license is void if not used within 90 days from the day the intentions were filed in the offices of the municipal clerks as specified in section 651.

[1995, c. 694, Pt. B, §2 (NEW); 1995, c. 694, Pt. E, §2 (AFF) .]

4. Expedited procedure.

[2001, c. 574, §4 (RP) .]

5. Informational brochure. A marriage license may not be issued until a brochure prepared by the Department of Health and Human Services concerning the effects of alcohol and drugs on fetuses has been given to both parties. The department is responsible for making the brochures available to municipal clerks for distribution.

[1995, c. 694, Pt. B, §2 (NEW); 1995, c. 694, Pt. E, §2 (AFF); 2001, c. 354, §3 (AMD); 2003, c. 689, Pt. B, §6 (REV) .]

6. Related parties. A marriage license may not be issued to parties related as described in section 701, subsection 2, unless the clerk has received from the parties the physician's certificate of genetic counseling required by section 651.

[1995, c. 694, Pt. B, §2 (NEW); 1995, c. 694, Pt. E, §2 (AFF) .]

7. Parties under 18 years of age. A marriage license may not be issued to persons under 18 years of age without the written consent of their parents, guardians or persons to whom a court has given custody. In the absence of persons qualified to give consent, the judge of probate in the county where each minor resides may grant consent after notice and opportunity for hearing. When 2 licenses are required and when either or both applicants for a marriage license are under the ages specified in this section, the written consent must be given for the issuance of both licenses in the presence of the clerk issuing the licenses or by acknowledgment under seal filed with that clerk.

[1995, c. 694, Pt. B, §2 (NEW); 1995, c. 694, Pt. E, §2 (AFF) .]

8. Parties under 16 years of age. The clerk may not issue a marriage license to a person under 16 years of age without:

A. The written consent of that minor's parents, guardians or persons to whom a court has given custody; [1995, c. 694, Pt. B, §2 (NEW); 1995, c. 694, Pt. E, §2 (AFF).]

B. Notifying the judge of probate in the county in which the minor resides of the filing of this intention; and [1995, c. 694, Pt. B, §2 (NEW); 1995, c. 694, Pt. E, §2 (AFF).]

C. Receipt of that judge of probate's written consent to issue the license. The judge of probate shall base a decision on whether to issue consent on the best interest of the parties under 16 years of age and shall consider the age of both parties and any criminal record of a party who is 18 years of age or older. The judge of probate, in the interest of public welfare, may order, after notice and opportunity for hearing, that a license not be issued. The judge of probate shall issue a decision within 30 days of receiving the notification under paragraph B. [1997, c. 683, Pt. E, §5 (AMD); 1997, c. 683, Pt. E, §6 (AFF).]

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